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From: Loop, Travis
Sent: Wed 8/12/2015 5:48:39 PM
Subject: Fwd: CBS National News Inquiry

Fyi - seeing what TRI might have on mining data so we have it handy

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From: "Loop, Travis" <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
Date: August 12, 2015 at 1:47:45 PM EDT
To: "Swenson, Sarah" <Swenson.Sarah@epa.gov>
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I guess so (not sure if TRI can weigh in on that), along with any other relevant info on this issue. Might be good to see what we have on mining given the situation and increasing questions OPA is receiving. Thanks!

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On Aug 12, 2015, at 1:44 PM, Swenson, Sarah <Swenson.Sarah@epa.gov> wrote:

To clarify, you're looking to see what TRI can say about this fact?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that 40% of the headwaters of watersheds in the western United States are contaminated by pollution from hardrock mines.

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From: Felver, Rachel

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 1:13 PM

To: Loop, Travis; Han, Kaythi; Swenson, Sarah

Cc: Bravo, Antonio; Siedschlag, Gregory; Eisenberg, Mindy

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Checking now.

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From: Loop, Travis

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 1:12 PM

To: Han, Kaythi; Felver, Rachel; Swenson, Sarah

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Good idea. Should coordinate with OEI as well, particularly in case there is geographic specific info. Adding them.

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On Aug 12, 2015, at 1:10 PM, Han, Kaythi <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov> wrote:

This information from TRI may help inform our answer:

For 2013, metal mining facilities were responsible for the largest quantity of on- and off-site disposal or other releases of toxic chemicals of any industry, with 1,965,815,554 pounds (including releases to air, water, and land). Coal mining ranked #14, with 10,841,677 pounds.

For the same year, TRI metal mining facilities reported discharging 1,315,964 pounds of chemicals to surface water (#11 out of all TRI industries). Coal mining facilities reported discharging 176,615 pounds (#14) to surface waters.

As far as mining releases to water, according to last year's national analysis, mining was included in the "All others" that accounted for 8% of water releases by sector. See <http://www2.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/2013-tri-national-analysis-water-releases-water-releases-0> for more information.

Metal mining released 1.3 million pounds to water in 2013 (0.066% of total mining releases). This is out of 211.59 million pounds of on-site surface water discharges nation-wide from all sectors, making metal mining account for 0.61% of all surface water discharges in 2013.

From: Bravo, Antonio
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 1:05 PM
To: Loop, Travis; Han, Kaythi
Cc: Siedschlag, Gregory; Eisenberg, Mindy
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Got it. Farmed this out to Wetlands Division for quick turnaround...

From: Loop, Travis
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 12:48 PM
To: Han, Kaythi
Cc: Bravo, Antonio; Siedschlag, Gregory
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It is critical that we work hard and fast on inquiries related to the mine spill issue.

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On Aug 12, 2015, at 12:36 PM, Han, Kaythi <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov> wrote:

Antonio and Greg,

CBS is looking to fact-check a figure from a 2000 report from the National Wildlife Federation; can you check if we have anything more recent?

Inquiry:

CBS National News is looking for some information regarding this 2000 report from the National Wildlife Federation: <http://www.nwf.org/What-We->

Do/Energy-and-Climate/Drilling-and-Mining/~media/EDAE3F91228A46EFA9D63A631EEF073F.ashx

We are wondering if there is an updated number for the following statistic stated in the report: ***The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that 40% of the headwaters of watersheds in the western United States are contaminated by pollution from hardrock mines.***

Thanks,

Kaythi

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 12:26 PM
To: Colaizzi, Jennifer C.
Cc: Han, Kaythi; Loop, Travis; Lee, Monica
Subject: RE: CBS National News Inquiry

+ Travis, Monica and Kaythi. Please note Jennifer's question about the Gold King Mine incident.

Thanks, R.

From: Colaizzi, Jennifer C.
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 12:18 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert
Subject: Re: CBS National News Inquiry

The OSWER Mine expert says this is OW. However, can you ask if there is any information that can be rolled into a background Q&As for this incident?

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:37 AM

To: Colaizzi, Jennifer C.
Subject: FW: CBS National News Inquiry

Jen, I hesitate to send this to EOC, as this looks like a more general inquiry, probably for OW and/or OSWER. Let me know if I should send to other people.

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:35 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert
Cc: Lehman, Rachel; Ludwigsen, Emily
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Subject: CBS National News Inquiry

Hi Enesta,

CBS National News is looking for some information regarding this 2000 report from the National Wildlife Federation: <http://www.nwf.org/What-We-Do/Energy-and-Climate/Drilling-and-Mining/~media/EDAE3F91228A46EFA9D63A631EEF073F.ashx>

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If you could please get back to me as soon as possible about these two inquiries that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

Yasmin

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